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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA:
"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR MESSAGE ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF OUR INDEPENDENCE WAS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. IT WAS A VALUED
EXPRESSION OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH UNITES
OUR TWO PEOPLES. YOU HAVE MY SINCERE THANKS ALSO FOR THE
GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY YOU EXTENDED TO ASTRONAUTS LOVELL AND
ROOSA DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN
REPUBLIC. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON."

2. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE
JULY 4: "MR. PRESIDENT AND DEAR FRIEND: IT IS A VERY
SPECIAL HONOR FOR ME TO SEND YOU, IN THE NAME OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, ITS NATIONAL PARTY,
MESAN, AND ITS GOVERNMENT WHICH I HEAD, AS WELL AS IN MY
OWN NAME, MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF
THE 197TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY,
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION THE CENTRAL AFRICAN PEOPLE, MY

GOVERNMENT, AND I JOIN IN SPIRIT WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
I AM CONVINCED THAT THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
WHICH UNITE OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BECOME EVEN CLOSER
AND WILL FURTHER INCREASE THE WELL-BEING OF THE AMERICAN
AND CENTRAL AFRICAN PEOPLES.
I EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOUR DISTINGUISHED FAMILY,
AND THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE MY MOST SINCERE WISHES
FOR JOY AND GOOD FORTUNE. VERY HIGH AND FRIENDLY
CONSIDERATION. GENERAL OF THE ARMY JEAN BEDEL BOKASSA
PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE REPUBLIC."

3. DEPT. DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE EXCHANGE BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION IF GOCAR WISHES TO DO SO. ROGERS

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